

**Town of Shrewsbury - Board of Selectmen  
Senior Center  
98 Maple Avenue  
Tuesday, April 27, 2004 at 7:00 PM**

**Minutes**

**Present:**

Bruce Card, Thomas Fiore, Philip Hammond, John Lebeaux

**Also present:**

Gerald LaFlamme, Michael Hale, Robert Cox, numerous residents (see attached sign in sheet)

**Convened:** 7:04 PM

- I. Chairman Fiore opened the meeting by thanking all in attendance for coming. He then he introduced Chief LaFlamme to make a brief presentation of the fire station proposal. Chief LaFlamme outlined the components of the strategic plan he drafted when he took office four years ago. He stated that the construction of a new fire headquarters was a key initiative of the plan. He then touched on the site selection process. He provided evidence of the existing and projected growth in the southeast quadrant of the Town. He stated that his goal is to equalize response times from the three stations. In doing so, he stated that the Edgemere station needs to move east. He then provided a map illustrating the twelve sites that were reviewed in the process. He stated that the Lomma trucking site provided the best opportunity for a new headquarters given the site lines, the access to utilities and the site development cost. Chief LaFlamme informed the residents that there may be a training structure built in the southwest corner of the property at some time in the future.

Mr. Hale outlined Town Meeting process and informed those present of the tentative Board of Appeals meeting scheduled for June 1<sup>st</sup>. He then informed those present of the projected cost estimate. He stated that the total project is expected to cost approximately \$7 million to \$7.6 million. Included in the cost estimate is \$ 4million for the building, \$750,000 for a new platform truck, \$500,000 for improvements/repairs to existing buildings, \$360,000 for equipment and technology, and the remaining funds for architectural, engineering, and other professional services.

Chief LaFlamme then addressed questions from those in attendance. Residents expressed concerns about the frequency of services runs and the level of noise generated from sirens. The Chief responded with annual statistics noting service runs. Both the Chief and Mr. Hale stated that there would noise from the sirens and horns but that it would be used to get into the flow of traffic. Other concerns centered on the buffering of the site from the homes. A request was made to create an earth berm barrier in addition to trees. An additional request was made to flip flop the design but putting the garage on the west side of the building.

Mr. Fiore closed the meeting by informing the residents that the Town has a track record of considering citizen input in the decision making process.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael R. Hale  
Assistant Town Manager

